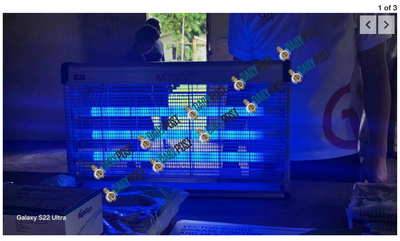
GX Foundation expands humanitarian efforts in Vanuatu, combats mosquito-borne diseases

By Nicholas Mwai Feb 4, 2025 0



The mosquito lamp.
By Nicholas Mwai

The GX Foundation, a Hong Kong-based medical humanitarian aid organisation, is strengthening its commitment to international public health by launching a mosquito-borne disease control initiative in Vanuatu.

Vice Chairman of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and GX Foundation Chairman Leung Chun-ying is leading a five-member delegation on a visit from February 2nd to 5th, marking the Foundation's first engagement in the South Pacific.

"Vanuatu is the eighth country we have worked in. We have already worked in seven countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and now we are in the South Pacific," Leung stated. "When we decide to work in a country, we don't just donate money or materials and disappear. We want to be on the ground, implementing projects."

The Foundation, established in 2018, operates independently of government funding, raising money through private donations. With a strong belief in "people-to-people" connectivity, GX—short for "Gong-Xiang," meaning "sharing" in Chinese—seeks to share China's medical advancements with the world.

The GX Foundation is going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vanuatu's Ministry of Health (MoH) to address public health challenges. "On February 2, we had a meeting with the Caretaker Health Minister and agreed to help control infectious diseases, particularly those spread by mosquitoes and flies," Leung confirmed.

Dengue fever cases have surged due to rising global temperatures and increased travel, which facilitate disease spread. "Now that we are in Vanuatu, we are providing the necessary tools to combat dengue. First, we are displaying mosquito lamps—specially designed lights that attract mosquitoes and eliminate them using electricity. These lamps are clean, have no side effects, and cause no ecological harm."

Leung cited a successful deployment in Laos, where mosquito lamps installed outside hospitals eradicated hundreds of mosquitoes within three weeks. "We believe that eliminating mosquitoes will eliminate dengue fever, malaria, and prevent children from falling ill. Our message to the government and communities we visit is clear: You do not have to coexist with mosquitoes," he said.

In addition to mosquito lamps, the Foundation is supplying hospitals and clinics with rapid test kits for early detection and treatment, displaying mosquito nets to prevent disease transmission, and installing health awareness posters in community centres, churches, and hospitals.

Houseflies pose another major health risk, carrying bacteria that can cause severe illnesses, including blindness in extreme cases. "To combat houseflies, we are providing a simple yet effective solution—sticky paper traps. We do not want houseflies moving between toilets, kitchens, and food areas," Leung explained.

Beyond Vanuatu, GX Foundation's previous humanitarian efforts include providing potable water and medical supplies to underserved regions. The Foundation aims to expand its activities based on Vanuatu's needs, starting with Efate and potentially covering the entire nation's health facilities, including schools and churches.

"We are here for the long term, and our mosquito and fly control projects are just the beginning," Leung emphasised. "All of these supplies are provided to communities free of charge.

"On this trip, we were merely demonstrating how to use the materials; the larger quantity will arrive later."

He also praised Vanuatu's local waste management practices, noting that households elevate trash bags to prevent scavenging animals from spreading waste. "This simple practice shows that people are quite conscientious about public health and hygiene. It is a good habit that should be encouraged."

nicholas@dailypost.vu

(0) comments

Welcome to the discussion.

Log In

Around The Web

Doctors Baffled: Simple Tip Relieves Years of Joint Pain and Arthritis
Healthier Living Tips

Put a Bread Clip in Your Wallet When Traveling, Here's Why
WellnessGaze News

Home Invasion Leads to Breakthrough Solar Discovery (12x Better Than Panels)
The Lost Generator

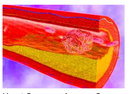
Eat 1 Teaspoon Every Night, See What Happens a Week Later
Healthier Living

Taking Metformin? Use This Household Food to Lower Blood Sugar
WellnessGaze Diabetes

Can Eating This Mineral Help Restore Your Teeth and Gums?
WellnessGaze Dental

Going Bald? Do This Immediately if Your Hair is Thinning (It's Genius)
WG Hair Restore

Top Podiatrist: if You Have Toenail Fungus Try This Tonight (It's Genius!)
WellnessGaze Derma


Heart Surgeon: Anyone Over 45 Should Do This Daily
WellnessGaze Heart

Most Popular

Articles

- Court orders Tevi to transfer land or pay VT6.7 million to Bani family
- Dr Vocor questions planned maternity hospital fee increase
- Supreme Court orders CLMO to issue new green certificate
- Vanuatu to be reinstated in Australia's 2026-27 FEV ballot with 150 places
- From remote classrooms to the national stage
- Opposition, chiefs question Nakamal Agreement; Gov't responds
- Government wins court case over abandoned Lolowai hospital vaccine storage project
- Court rejects multi-million dollar damages claim in long-running Breakas Resort dispute
- 'Tu bigfala pijin' – Australian pelicans draw interest in Santo
- Young entrepreneur leads Beverly Hills road cleanup drive

Today's e-Edition

E-EDITION

Vanuatu Daily Post Issue 7571

Jul 4, 2026 0

Latest e-Edition

VANUATU BUSINESS REVIEW

Vanuatu Business Review Issue 109

Sep 21, 2025 0

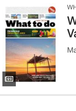
Latest e-Edition

VANUATU LIFE AND STYLE

Vanuatu Life & Style Issue 125

Jan 20, 2026 0

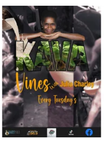
Latest e-Edition



WHAT TO DO IN VANUATU

What To Do In Vanuatu Issue 132

May 5, 2026 0



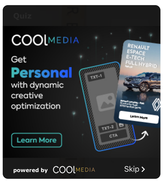
Stocks

Equities Commodities Bonds Forex

1D 1M 3M 1Y 5Y All

SPX500USD · S&P 500	7,516.6	+34.0 +0.45%
XLYD · Shanghai Composite	4,043.6432	+14.7394 +0.37%
DJI · Dow 30	52,854.8	+9.5 +0.02%
NKY · Nikkei 225	69,744.07	+1,010.92 +1.47%
AAPL · Apple	308.63	+14.25 +4.84%
GOOG · Google	356.18	−1.71 −0.48

Market Data by TradingView



© Copyright 2020, Vanuatu Daily Post, Port Vila.